

Primary History: Children of Victorian Britain

Extension Activity - Children in Coal Mines

Draw a picture of a coal mine, showing the shaft and tunnels. You could show children working in them. Use the internet to find out more about the history of coal mining in Britain and about coal mine museums.

At first, some mines had only one shaft from top to bottom, with a lift-cage going up and down inside. Think of reasons why this was dangerous, and why the law was changed to make every mine have at least 2 lift-shafts.

Newspapers often carried reports of mine disasters.

Design your own newspaper front page, with a report of a mine accident.